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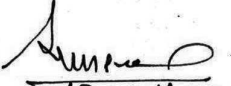
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 17th April 2023.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Summary for the month of March, 2023 in respect of Ministry of Women and Child Development.

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the unclassified portion of the monthly summary (both in English and Hindi) pertaining to the Ministry of Women and Child Development for the month of March, 2023 for information and necessary action.

Encl.: As above


17/4/2023

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The following important activities were undertaken by our Ministry during the month of March 2023:

1 Post Budget webinar on “Economic Empowerment of Women”

The post Union Budget webinar on “Economic Empowerment of Women” was jointly organized by the Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Rural Development on 10th March 2023. Hon’ble Prime Minister addressed the session. The goal of the webinar was to develop the strategy and blueprint for taking Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) to the next level of entrepreneurship by preparing an action plan with quantifiable targets.

2. POSHAN Pakhwada from 20th March to 3rd April, 2023

Poshan Pakhwada 2023 had Shree Anna (Millets) as the theme this time. During the Pakhwada, activities like public awareness on health benefits of millets; suitability of cultivation of millets in harsh climatic conditions; various steps to popularize adoption of Shree Anna (Millets) were taken up across the country. Around 98 lakh activities related to Millets were conducted. Under Saksham Anganwadis’ 20.49 lakh activities were conducted, whereas around 27.84 lakh activities were captured under the ‘Swasth Balak Spardha’ theme. During Pakhwada 2023, more than 3.5 crore sensitisation activities have been reported by States/UTs, Converging Ministries/ Departments and other stakeholders.

3. Expenditure during Financial Year 2022-23

Against the allocation of Rs 23913 Crores, under RE 2022-23 for the Ministry, a total expenditure of Rs. 23517 Crores (98.35% of RE) has been incurred under various Schemes. The capital expenditure was Rs. 685.82 crores, which was 13.4% more than the BE (Rs. 604.72 crores). This could be achieved in spite of teething problems relating to Single Nodal Account System at both Central and State level.

4. Session on Empowerment through Nourishment: Celebrating Women of New India

The Ministry organized an event “**Empowerment through Nourishment: Celebrating Women of New India**” on 2nd March 2023 at New Delhi. The Hon’ble Minister, MWCD engaged with Mr. Bill Gates, Co-Chair and Trustee, Gates Foundation and highlighted Government’s initiatives on promoting nutrition, health & women’s empowerment.

5. Address by Hon’ble Minister in International Forums

The Hon’ble Minister for Women and Child Development addressed (through a pre-recorded video message) an event organized by Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, on the occasion of the celebration of International Women’s Day 2023, in the presence of the members of the International, Swiss and the Indian communities.

The Hon’ble Minister for Women and Child Development delivered a national statement (through a pre-recorded video) in the 67th Session of the Commission of Status of Women held on 7th March 2023 in the United Nations Headquarters at New York, USA.

6. As part of International Women’s Day celebrations, the Ministry organized two events. A joint event for 'Celebrating North-East' was organized by Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Minority Affairs on 07.03.2023, where all the organisations of North East Regions based in Delhi participated.

Another event was organised by the Ministry with women officers (Deputy Secretary and above) of all Ministries/Departments on the theme: “Stronger Together: Empowering Women through Collaboration” on 21st March 2023.